

## ABSTRACT

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MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(176)	1767 (area surveyed/marked)
Mount Savage, Maryland vicinity	1902 (new monument set at
Public/private	additional site)

Milestone No. ---(176), north of the town of Mount Savage, is about 5150 feet due west of the preceding monument No. ---(175) on Witt Hill, and marks an additional point on Mason and Dixon's 230.228-mile West Line, the provincial boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. It is a very plain, dressed Cockeysville marble post with a low pyramidal top, of the same design and source as 65 other new monuments set during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary west of Sideling Hill. It is in excellent condition, unaltered, firmly set though now out-of-plumb; measures 10 inches square by about 1½ feet high above ground; and is embellished only by the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, M on the south side facing Maryland, the year 1767 on the east side (when this area was surveyed and marked), and 1902 on the west side (when this new site was established and first monumented). No. ---(176) is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of the thematic group series of some 248 markers still visually defining the West Line. Locally, as one of 37 monuments marking the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county boundary, it is also significant symbolically for its identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. AL-VB-287  
Magi No. AL-V-B-298  
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## 1. Name \*\* (indicate preferred name) BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)

historic (Mason and Dixon's) WEST LINE

\*\* and/or common MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. --- (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 176)

## 2. Location

street & number off the northeast side of Bald Knob Road X not for publication

city, town Mount Savage X vicinity of congressional district MD 6 / PA 12

state Maryland county MD Allegany / PA Somerset

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status N/A	Present Use
<u>  </u> district	<u>X</u> public	<u>  </u> occupied	<u>  </u> agriculture
<u>  </u> building(s)	<u>  </u> private	<u>  </u> unoccupied	<u>  </u> commercial
<u>  </u> structure	<u>  </u> both	<u>  </u> work in progress	<u>  </u> educational
<u>  </u> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>  </u> entertainment
<u>X</u> object	<u>  </u> in process	<u>X</u> yes: restricted	<u>  </u> government
	<u>  </u> being considered	<u>  </u> yes: unrestricted	<u>  </u> industrial
	<u>X</u> not applicable	<u>  </u> no	<u>  </u> military
			<u>X</u> other: <u>boundary marker</u>

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

(monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form & property ownership list)  
name State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone no.: \_\_\_\_\_

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state and zip code \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. Location of Legal Description

(see Thematic Group NR nomination form & surrounding property ownership list)  
courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. \_\_\_\_\_ liber \_\_\_\_\_

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ folio \_\_\_\_\_

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

(also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

title Allegany County Historic Sites Inventory

date AL-VB-287 entered 6/2/81    federal X state    county    local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

## 7. Description

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**Condition**

☒ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

**Check one**

☒ unaltered  
☐ altered

**Check one**

☐ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ additional site (1902)

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Milestone No. ----(176), north of Mount Savage, MD, was a new monument when set in 1902 at an additional site on Mason and Dixon's West Line during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. It is a very plain dressed Cockeysville marble post with a low pyramidal top; is in excellent condition, firmly set, unaltered; measures 10 inches square by about 1½ feet high above the ground; and is embellished only by the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, M on the south side facing Maryland, the year 1767 on the east side (when this part of the Line was surveyed and marked) and 1902 on the west side (when this new site was established and monumented).

The area here is a high, open, farmed ridge on the eastern slope of Big Savage Mountain, about ¾ mile northeast of Bald Knob and its strip mining, and about 2 miles north-northeast of the town of Mount Savage, MD. The site is about 5150 feet due west of the preceding monument No. ----(175) at Witt Hill; a little over 2 miles east of Big Savage Mountain ridge; within Election District 13 of Allegany County, MD, and Southampton Township of Somerset County, PA; at a point about 3000 feet northeast of Bald Knob Road at the private drive entrance to the Logsdon farm (about 1000 feet north-northeast of their red brick farmhouse) on the crest of hill, on the south side of and against a young tree and old east-west barbed wire fence and hedgerow (about 75 feet east of the north-south fencing corner, within sight of the new gas pipeline (1804-20). It cannot be seen from any road or the Logsdon house, but easily from nearby, and is protected by the fencing (though not from the heaving up by the tree roots!)

The monument, identical to 65 other monuments of 1902 set west of Sideling Hill along the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, was quarried and carved in Cockeysville, MD, of a white, <sup>(in this case, flint)</sup> fine-grained marble called saccharoidal dolomite or magnesian limestone; was originally cut about 10 inches square by about 4½ feet long, intended for setting about 1½ feet above ground, with the remaining 3 feet for setting firmly into the ground when possible. The letters and numbers are blocky, V-sunk without serifs, and are horizontally aligned as a band around the stone near the top. These, and the top planes and apex, are all clear and intact; though there are some minor chips at the top corners and along the edges, and the stone is gradually becoming out-of-plumb (leaning southwest, away from the tree as it grows).

(see Thematic Group NR nomination form for full descriptions of the several kinds of new monuments set in 1902 and the Resurvey method of securing them)

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
				boundary surveying

Specific dates <sup>1767</sup> (area surveyed) <sup>1902</sup> (monument) Builder/Architect: Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon, SURVEYORS

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Milestone No. ---(176) is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of the thematic group series of some 248 markers still visually defining Mason and Dixon's West Line, the 230.228-mile provincial boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. This part of the Line was surveyed and marked in 1767 at irregular intervals with cairns and additional wood posts, and the present new site on the Line was established and monumented in 1902 with a new Cockeysville marble marker during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, as one of 37 markers along the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county boundary, No. ---(176) is also significant for its symbolic relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one acreQuadrangle name Cumberland (MD-PA-WV), USGS 7.5' series Quadrangle scale 1: 24000UTM References do NOT complete UTM references 1949 photorev. 1974A 

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Zone			Easting			Northing		

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Verbal boundary description and justification N/A

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state Maryland code county Allegany codestate Pennsylvania code county Somerset code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason and Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)organization Maryland Historical Trust and Maryland Geological Surveydate 10/24/81 (site surveyed)street & number 14308 Mount Avenuetelephone (301) 472-2128city or town Phoenixstate Maryland 21131

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Georges Creek

Barreville



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MASON & DIXON WESTLINE: MILESTONE — (176)  
STONE MONUMENT (1902)

NW CORNER (P/1902)

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MASON EDIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE - (176)  
STONE MONUMENT (1902)

SE CORNER (M/1767)

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